No. 3980 REGENTED APR 1 9 2010

S/N 10/577,541

<u>PATENT</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Matsumoto et al.

Examiner:

Jennifer Lea Hornberger

Serial No.:

10/577,541

Group Art Unit:

3734

Filed:

April 28, 2006

Docket No.:

10921.0403USWO

Title:

LANCET AND LANCING APPARATUS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 19, 2010.

By:

Name:

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.